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1. SAW MINSTATE MOHAMED RIAD LAST EVENING AT FRENCH NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION. HE REPRESENTED GOE IN TOGOLESE ATTEMPT MEDIATE BETWEEN LIBYA AND EGYPT. RIAD CONFIRMED THAT SADAT HAD AGREED TO MEDIATION EFFORT SOLELY BECAUSE TOGOLESE PRES EYADEMA HAD PRESSED HIM. SADAT HAD INSTRUCTED RIAD TO TAKE STRONG STAND AND HE HAD DONE SO. RECONCILIATION WITH LIBYA ONLY POSSIBLE IF QADHAFI GIVES PROOF OF CHANGING HIS WAYS. THIS SADAT CONSIDERS UNLIKELY. UNFORTUNATELY, SADAT HAD INADVERTENTLY "UNDERCUT" RIAT BY A PUBLIC COMMENT REFERRING TO EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN DISPUTE AS A "LITTLE ONE". THIS HAD PRMPTED TOGOLESE PRES TO PRESS FOR MORE FORTHCOMING GOE ATTITUDE. RIAD SAID HE NONETHELESS MANAGED AVOID ANY COMMITMENT AND HAD MADE CLEAR TO TOGOLESE GOE'S DEEP DISTRUST OF QADHAFI AND LATTER'S INTENTIONS.

2. ASKED ABOUT TOGOLESE FONMIN KODJO'S PROPOSED FOLLOWUP SECRET

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VISIT TO CAIRO NEXT WEEK, RIAD STATED GOE HAS SUGGESTED TO KODJO THAT TIME IS NOT RIGHT FOR SUCH VISIT. EILTS

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